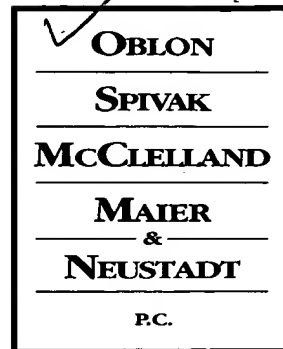




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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/893,666
Applicants: Ichiro YAMASHITA
Filing Date: June 29, 2001
For: HIGH ESTROGEN-SENSITIVE MEDAKA FISH
Group Art Unit: 1632
Examiner: WOITACH, J.
Allowed: November 19, 2003
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SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance
Copy of Information Disclosure Statement (as filed May 20, 2003)
Copy of Form PTO 1449 (as filed May 20, 2003)
Copy of JP 2000-201688 w/English Abstract (as filed May 20, 2003)
Copy of Date-Stamped Filing Receipt (dated May 20, 2003)
Copy of Information Disclosure Statement (as filed December 19, 2001)
Copy of Form PTO 1449 (as filed December 19, 2001)
Copy of U.S. 5,903,305 (as filed December 19, 2001)
Copy of Date-Stamped Filing Receipt (dated December 19, 2001)

Our check in the amount of \$180.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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SIR:

Responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated November 19, 2003, Applicants request that the Examiner provide acknowledgment that U.S. 5,903,305, which was cited on the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 19, 2001, and JP 2000-201688, which was originally cited on the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 19, 2001 and again on the Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 20, 2003, have been considered.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of same by providing Applicants with initialed copies of the Form PTO-1449 enclosed herewith listing these references. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith copies of the Information Disclosure Statements as filed on December 19, 2001 and May 20, 2003, along with the cited reference for which acknowledgment is requested and the date-stamped filing receipt evidencing the timely filing thereof.

Applicants wish to note that the certification of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on May 20, 2003 was in error. Accordingly, Applicants withdraw the certification of this

filing and enclose herewith the required \$180 fee for submission of an Information Disclosure Statement subsequent to a first non-final action on the merits, but prior to a final action on the merits.

An early and favorable indication that the Information Disclosure Statement has been considered is kindly solicited.

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